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BEDFORD MAN CONVICTED OF ROBBERY

CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE – United States Attorney Tom Colantuono and Federal Bureau of Investigation Special Agent in Charge of the Boston Field Office Kenneth W. Kaiser today announced that Ugochukwu Ossai, age 21, of Bedford, New Hampshire, was convicted yesterday, July 21, 2005, after a three day jury trial with conspiring to rob and robbing the Dunkin Donuts, 206 South River Road, Bedford, New Hampshire, on December 29, 2004. It is a federal crime to conspire to or to commit robberies that interfere with interstate commerce.

The evidence established that Ossai's girlfriend had worked at the South River Road Dunkin Donuts, but quit the week before the robbery. The evidence also established that during the early evening hours of December 29, 2004, Ossai and his girlfriend traveled to the Dunkin Donuts in order for the girlfriend to say goodbye to numerous co-workers before she left for Georgia. While at the Dunkin Donuts, Ossai convinced a Dunkin Donuts employee, a 16-year old minor, to assist him with the robbery. Ossai told the 16-year old that he would enter the Dunkin Donuts at approximately 7:20 p.m. and that the only thing the 16-year old would have to do was to fill a bag provided by Ossai with currency from the cash registers. Ossai knew that when he returned to the Dunkin Donuts at 7:20 p.m., the only remaining employees at the store would be the 16-year old minor and another employee, a 22-year old man who became the victim of the robbery.

At approximately 7:20 p.m. on December 29, 2004, Ossai entered the back door of the Dunkin Donuts wearing a disguise. He approached the 22-year old man, held a gun to his head and made him get on the ground. He then provided the 16-year old with a pillow case and had him empty two cash register draws. Ossai then fled the store with \$782.00 in United States currency. Within two hours of the robbery, Ossai was stopped coming out of the Mall of New Hampshire, located three miles from the Dunkin Donuts. Ossai was found to have \$300.00 in United States currency on his person and the girlfriend was found to have \$325.00 in United States currency.

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The crime of engaging in a conspiracy to interfere with commerce through the commission of a robbery, and the crime of interfering with commerce through robbery, each carry a term of imprisonment of up to 20-years. Defendant Ossai is scheduled to be sentenced in October, 2005.

The prosecution was the result of an investigation by Special Agent Brian Keefe of the Bedford, New Hampshire, Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Bedford, New Hampshire Police Department, and the Manchester, New Hampshire Police Department. The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Terry L. Ollila.

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